

## **FISCAL NOTE**

### **SB 3211 - HB 3759**

February 2, 2008

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Authorizes the Office of Inspector General to identify, investigate, and prosecute fraud and abuse in the Volunteer Rx program, the Cover Rx program and the Tennessee Pharmaceutical Connection Program.

#### **ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

##### **Increase State Expenditures - \$250,000**

##### Assumptions:

- The Office of Inspector General will hire a Special Agent, an Information Service Data Analyst 4 position, and an ASA 2 position which will result in an increase in recurring expenditures of \$250,000.
- The expenditures include \$141,600 for salaries, \$52,000 for benefits, and \$56,400 for travel, printing, communications, supplies, training, and professional services.
- Currently, the Office of Inspector General is funded through a combination of state and federal TennCare funds. These funds would not be able to be used for fraud and abuse investigations and prosecutions of the programs identified in the proposed bill.

#### **CERTIFICATION:**

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James W. White, Executive Director

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